10/24/82

Dear Harold,

I emerge from going over your patient comments on the autopsy chapter with considerable humiliation. It is not that I mind being so badly wrong--indeed, I like to believe I'm more right than many when I finally get finished--but I regret taking up so much of your valuable time. It is as if you are patiently teaching me the alphabet. But you can be assured that I am listening.

I accept what you say about Lifton, and that's a good enough reason for dropping it. Same on on the RFK/Castro speculation. I might be tempted on that if I could find a somewhat distinguished person willing to say it, but I have no business saying it. (You are right; it is what the spooks will whisper to you.) I'll tone down the adrenals business, but that is an effective way to talk about Humes--if I can do so fairly. I would remind you that while that is an old story, I'm not at all sure that a wide segment of Americans is aware of it.

I must recast all of Humes. Rather than get into all of this, I am going to send you the chapter again after I rework it. (I also see your point about teh Kennedy family.) (By the way, on all of that I am not reflecting anyone's particular point. It is the way I see it from reading the material of WC and HSCA. If I'm out of whack, it's my fault.)

Separate point:

Can you help me on finding the DeLoach memo to Ford of 12/12/63?

Ideeply appreciate all of your patience and help. I come to you because of your reputation for honesty, diligence and accuracy. I'm not sure where else I can find that particular combination that is willing to help

(If you think things were out of kilter on the autopsy chapter, you'd better prepare yourself for the Magic Bullet!)

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

Harry.